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TO YOUNG FARMERS

By Hugh P. McClimon

An excellent 7th Summer Tour was held July 21-22, 1983 at Rock Hill with about 85 persons participating. Those arriving early enjoyed a social hosted by chapters in Chester and York Counties. The members are to be commended on planning and conducting a successful event. Both the breakfast and lunch were sponsored with contributions from agribusinesses in the area. Spirits and enthusiasm were high in spite of the heat and dry weather. Visits were made to the R. E. Boyd and Sons Certified Seed Farm, Ronnie Stephenson's Dairy Farm and concluded with a tour of Boise-Cascade to view the production of plywood.

The Young Farmers of Virginia will host the 17th National Young Farmer Educational Institute on November 27 - December 1 in Richmond. This city has many attractions to enjoy along with its famed Southern hospitality. Elanco's "Spokesperson for Agriculture" Award Program will be held on the first day. An interesting agenda has been planned with educational tours to farms and agribusinesses in the area. This year's Institute should be of interest to several of our members since it is within driving distance. Casper, Wyoming will be the site in 1984. More details about the Institute will be sent to advisors and chapter presidents. All chapters should make plans to have entries in the Contest and Awards Program. Forms, including some revisions for this year, have been distributed to all advisors. District and State Winners will be recognized during the 36th State Convention to be held January 20-21, 1984 at the Carolina Inn in Columbia.

TO FUTURE FARMERS

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

Many outstanding FFA members and advisors were recognized at the State FFA Convention held at Clemson University, June 8-10. Approximately 400 members and guests witnessed the award presentations, including the 1983 Star State Farmer award presented to Frank Dorn of the Saluda FFA Chapter. This issue of the magazine will show a number of the contest and award winners.

Congratulations to the newly elected State FFA Officers who were selected from a superior group of officer candidates to lead the State Association during the 1983-84 year. Bryan Hill from the Abbeville Chapter will serve as State President. Joining Bryan on the state officer team are vice presidents Christie Rogers of Pendleton, Timmy Shealy of Gilbert, Danny Brakefield of York and Dennis Osborne of Edisto. Brana Williams of Pleasant Hill will serve as secretary. These officers are having a busy summer as they prepare to better serve you. Please invite them to assist you in planning or conducting your chapter program of activities during the year.

In order to have a successful year in the FFA, your chapter should have a planned program of activities to involve all members. Developing a program of activities, or chapter guide, should be a priority item for the beginning of the new school year.

The National FFA Convention is scheduled for November 9-12 in Kansas City. Contact the district consultant serving your area right away if you are interested in attending the 1983 National FFA Convention.

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COACH MOORER

The President of the half-million member National Future Farmers of America organization headed a list of top speakers who addressed the fifty-sixth annual convention of the S.C. Association of Future Farmers of America. Jan Eberly of Fallbrook, Claifornia addressed the General Session which was held at Clemson University's Tillman Hall. Jan remained for the entire convention and presented the FFA Foundation awards and the National association awards for the three day convention. The gathering marked the fifty-sixth anniversary of the states Vocational Agricultural group. More than three hundred Future Farmers, Advisors and guests were on hand to witness the proceedings. Doctor Bill Atchley, president of Clemson University welcomed the representatives of the Future Farmers Chapters and guests to the convention, which is the highlight of the FFA Calendar. Coach James F. Moorer of Spartanburg Methodist College gave an inspiring, interesting and challenging address to the group assembled.

The Association has approximately seven thousand members and 140 local chapters in high schools or vocational centers across South Carolina. Activities of the Association help prepare high school students of Vocational Agriculture for Farm and Agribusiness Careers, allowing members to demonstrate skills they have learned in the classroom and laboratories. FFA activites are student led with vocational agriculture teachers serving as advisors.

Another highlight of the convention was the presentation of the National FFA awards in fifteen categories to future farmers and chapters in South Carolina. One of the most pretigious awards is that of the Star State Farmer which goes to the future farmer with the best overall farming operations. Other highlights were the finals of the FFA public speaking contest and the presentation of the association's annual vocational agriculture scholarship.

The winner of the public speaking contest earned the right to compete for regional honors and received $100 cash. A $500 scholarship is awarded for the study of Agricultural education at Clemson University and is funded by the S.C. Plant Food Educational Society. Other activities included the finals of the FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contest, Presentation of Superior Chapter awards and the transaction of the Association's business. Convention activities were conducted by the outgoing officers who were: Keith Cox, president from Loris; Todd Jones, vice-president from Dorman; George H. Randolph, Jr., secretary from Pendleton; Blake Arnold, vice-president from St. Johns in Darlington; Thomas Fink, vice-president from Gilbert; and Tony Keefe, vice-president from Lake City.

Other key awards were presented in these categories: Individual Future Farmer for overall FFA involvement and related work experience, Agricultural Electrification, Chapter Safety, Building Our American Communities for FFA fostered community development, Chapter Achievement, Creed Speaking contest for first year vocational agriculture students, and Farm Business Management contest. The climax of a most successful fifty-sixth convention was the election and installation of officers to lead the organization for 1983-84 and to conduct the 1984 annual convention.

HONORARY DEGREES

The South Carolina Association of FFA conferred Honorary State Farmer Degrees upon thirteen agriculture teachers, sponsors, and supporters. Individuals who received the Honorary State Farmer Degree for 1983 at the State FFA Convention at Clemson University are, as shown above left to right: First Row: Edgar B. Johnson, Agriculture Teacher, Pickens AVC; William K. Bomar, Agriculture Teacher, James F. Byrnes High School; Doctor Floride M. Martin, Superintendent, Spartanburg District 6; William B. Drake, Radio Personality with WSPA; George L. Watins, Jr., District Conservation SCS; Edward C. Herren, Soil Scientist with the S.C.S.

Second Row: Charlie M. Snider, Hunter Education Training Officer with South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department; Jerry Pace, Agriculture Teacher, Britton's Neck High School; W. L. Pearson, Agriculture Teacher, Mayo High School in Darlington; Dr. Floyd Wright, Director Vocational Education, Horry County Schools; Bobby Ward, Soil Survey Party Leader, SCS; J. E. Cox, Division Chairman, Florence-Darlington Technical College. Absent when the picture was made J. F. Strickland, Director of Lake City Area Vocational Center.

In addition to these, the mothers and fathers of state officers were awarded the Degree in a special ceremony.

The Honorary State Farmer Degree is given to selected individuals who have made sustained outstanding contributions to the development of the Future Farmers Organization and to Vocational Agriculture on a statewide basis.

INDIVIDUAL FFA AWARDS

Pictured are the recipients of the 1983 Individual Future Farmer award (left to right): Front Row: Becky R. Shelby from Dorman FFA Chapter, James Kizer of Gilbert, Debra Ann Cribb of Pleasant Hill, and Bogan Furtick of the Edisto Chapter. Second Row: agriculture teachers - Charles Moore from Dorman, Jack Cunningham from Gilbert and Carlin Munnerlyn from Pleasant Hill.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Finalists in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest competing for the State Championship were: Front Row: Danny Brakefield of York, the State Winner; Angelia Hall of Wade Hampton; Teddy Graham of Pleasant Hill; and John Hutto of Edisto. Second Row: agriculture teachers - Frank Sanderfield of York, James Gilbeath, Carlin Munnerlyn of Pleasant Hill, and George Ulmer of Edisto. The State Winner received a plaque and a check in the amount of $100 and earned the right to compete in the Tri-State eliminations. District winners each received a plaque and a $50 check.

The purpose of the FFA Public Speaking competition is to develop agricultural leadership in students of vocational agriculture.

STAR STATE FARMER

Frank Doran of the Saluda FFA Chapter was awarded the 1983 Star State Farmer pin and $200 cash at the FFA Convention at Clemson University. Shown with Frank are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doran, Jan Eberly, National FFA President and Tommy Gladden, agriculture teacher.

DISTRICT STAR FARMERS

District Two Star Farmer was Michael Crim from Pelion High School. Shown with Michael are his parents; Jan Eberly, National President; and Frank Stover, Jr., agriculture teacher. Michael was awarded a pin and $100 cash.

John Hughes from Loris is District Three Star Farmer. Shown with him is Jan Eberly, National FFA President, and his agriculture teacher, Ben Hardee.

Timothy Fuller of Aiken was District Four Winner. He is shown with his agriculture teacher, Joe Wilson, Jan Eberly, National President, and his parents. He was presented $100 cash and a Star Farmer pin.

SCHOLARSHIP

Rudolph Page, president of the Plant Food Educational Society from Columbia, presented a $500 scholarship to William Randolph of Pendleton. The 1983 scholarship winner's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Stonewall Randolph, Sr. of Pendleton. His agriculture teachers are Royce King and George M. Reid.

The scholarship is made available to an incoming freshman to Clemson University by the S.C. Plant Food Educational Society for the purpose of encouraging further study in the field of agricultural education.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK FEB. 18-25, 1984

PROFICIENCY WINNERS

The 1983 National FFA Proficiency Awards were presented to the State Winners by Jan Eberly, National FFA President. The recipients were:

Agriculture Electrification, Steven Cox, Belton-Honea Path chapter, Harold J. Mackey, advisor.

Agricultural Mechanics, Robert Taylor, Pickens chapter, Edgar Johnson, advisor.

Agricultural Sales and Service, James Estridge, North chapter, Terry M. McMillan, advisor.

Beef Production, David Ronald Metz, Crescent chapter, Harold Clinkscale, advisor.

Dairy Productions, Frank Doran, Saluda chapter, Tommy Gladden, advisor.

Diversified Livestock Production, Dawn Anderson, Crescent chapter, Harold Clinkscale, advisor. Dawn was a Regional winner in the Proficiency awards.

Fish and Wildlife Management, Leroy Searcey, Jr., Boiling Springs chapter, Dennis Haltiwanger, advisor.

Forest Mangement, Fischer Jeffcoat, Jr., North chapter, Terry McMillan, advisor

Home and Farmstead Improvement, Jimmy Wilson, Loris chapter, Benjamin Hardee, advisor.

Horse Proficiency Award, Debra Lynn Jones, Abbeville chapter, Barry Edmunds, advisor.

Outdoor Recreation, Reamer J. Poston, III, Britton's Neck chapter, Jerry Pace, advisor.

Placement in Agriculture Production, David Staggs, Dorman chapter, Gerald Moore, advisor.

Soil and Water Management, Nancy Thompson, Dorman chapter, Gerald Moore, advisor.

Swine Production, Michael Crim, Pelion chapter, Frank Stover, Jr., advisor.

Turf and Landscaping Management, Thomas Dennis Corbin, Berea chapter, Thomas R. Cooke, advisor.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Calhoun Falls chapter won the 1983 FFA Parliamentary Procedure contest held at Clemson University in connection with the State FFA Convention. The Calhoun Falls agriculture teacher is shown with his team members who are, left to right: Dennis Rousey, Michael Johnson, Vince Bass, Randal Newton, Matt Kimsey, and Tommy Harmon, advisor. The Calhoun Falls chapter won $100 cash and a state plaque.

DISTRICT WINNERS

The District Two finalist in the Parliamentary Procedure competition was Pelion, shown with the advisor, Frank Stover, Jr. and team members Mike Crim, Stacy Shumpert, Marty Black, Todd Onderko and Dean Padgett. The District winner won $50 and a district plaque.

SUPERIOR CHAPTERS

Representatives from 30 Superior Chapters were on hand to receive the 1983 Superior Chapter award. The chapters earning the awards are listed below:

District One: Abbeville, James F. Byrnes, Belton-Honea Path, Pendleton, Dorman, Calhoun Falls, Liberty, Saluda, Boiling Springs, Crescent, Wrenn and Chapman.

District Two: Gilbert, Pelion, Clover and York.

District Three: Conway, Andrews, Loris, Lake City, Britton's Neck, Mullins, Green Sea-Floyds, Mayo and Pleasant Hill.

District Four: Edisto, Walterboro, Elloree, St. George and Ruffin.

The Pleasant Hill chapter was the District Three representative in Parliamentary Procedure. They are shown with agriculture teacher, Carlin Munnerlyn and team members, Reginald Wright, Gay Rowe, Jeff Tanner, Brenda Williams and Will Cribb.

The Wagner-Salley team is shown left to right with agriculture teacher, C. D. Henderson. Team members: Tony Taylor, Barry Fulmer, John Brazier, Larry Fulmer and Tim West.

The purpose of this competition is to encourage future farmers in the study and mastery of proper parliamentary procedures, which is a necessity in the orderly conduct of meetings. This phase of the Future Farmer program makes a definite contribution in the development of progressive agriculture leadership.

STATE FARMER DEGREES

Eighty candidates for the coveted State Farmer Degree are shown just prior to receiving the Silver Key and Certificate of the State Farmer. The State Farmer Degree is limited to 2% of the total state membership. Qualifications for receiving the degree are:

1) Must have a degree of Chapter Farmer and have been an active member of the FFA for at least two years.
2) Must have satisfactorily completed at least two years of instruction of vocational agriculture and be enrolled in a high school class of vocational agriculture.
3) Be familiar with provisions of the State and National constitutions.
4) Demonstrate proficiency in parliamentary procedures.
5) Be able to lead a group discussion for 45 minutes.
6) Have earned at least $500 by his own efforts from his supervised farming or other agriculture occupation experience programs.
7) Show outstanding ability as evidenced by leadership and cooperation in student chapter and community activities.
8) Have a satisfactory scholastic record.
9) Have participated in an outstanding way in activities for community improvement and the development of agriculture.

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ELECTRIFICATION WINNERS

Winners of the 1983 Agricultural Electrification awards are shown with Lewis Williamson of Carolina Power and Light Company, representing the sponsors. The Mullins chapter was State Winner and they are shown receiving the award: (left to right) James Bell, advisor; Lewis Williamson, sponsor; Derral Marlowe, who is the individual winner from Mullins; Scott Crosby shown with Chris Toole receiving the award; Joe Brown, S.C. Electric and Gas, sponsor; Steve Cox, Belton-Honea Path; Johnny Randy Craps, Gilbert; Carroll Suttle, Duke Power Company; and Jack Cunningham, advisor. Each chapter received $600 to pay expenses of students and their agriculture teacher to the National FFA Convention in November.

BOAC GRANT AWARDS

The 1983 BOAC Grant awards were won by Dorman FFA chapter, Nancy Thompson - member, Gerald Moore - advisor; and Loris FFA chapter, Jimmy Wilson - member, Ben Hardee - advisor. Grant awards of $400 each were given to the chapter and the advisor of the first and second place winners to be used to defray expenses to the National FFA Convention. This program is new in 1983. Mr. E. P. Rogers, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the S.C. Rehabilitation Corporation, presented the award.

BOAC GOVERNOR'S CITATION

The 1983 winner of the Governor's Citation award in the Building Our American Communities program was Dorman chapter, Gerald Moore, advisor. Shown receiving the award for the chapter are Nancy Thompson, individual winner, and Gerald Moore, the advisor. Presenting the plaque was Tom Walker, Farmers Home Administration, Columbia.

FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

The Pendleton High School #2 FFA chapter was first place winner in the Farm Business Management contest. The advisor, Royce Caines, is shown above with his team members, Gibson Gaylord, Tony White and Melissa Gillespie. They earned the right to represent South Carolina in National competition. Second place team honors went to Saluda, Tom Gladden, advisor, Timmy Shealy, Richard Nichols and David Winn were team members. Third place winners were the Brittons Neck team prepared by Jerry Pace and team members, Tommy Larimore, Thad Williams, Dan Poason.

The purpose of the competition is to stimulate farm management instruction in the vocational agriculture curriculum.

NURSERY/LANDSCAPE

The Aiken chapter won first place in the State Nursery/Landscaping competition held at Clemson University in connection with the State FFA Convention. Members of the Aiken team were Mike Dowd, Ronnie Graham, Charles Ferguson, with advisor Joe Wilson.

The first place team earned an expense paid trip to the National FFA Convention in November and the right to represent South Carolina in National competition.

The third place team was the Pendleton #2 chapter, Royce Hanes, advisor, with team members Lannie Stover, Shrie Ramey, and Andrew Randolph.

The purpose of this event is to give students an opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skill learned in vocational agriculture classes. Activities included an overall general knowledge test, identification of plant material, identification of nursery landscaping items and judging four classes of plants and one landscaping model. In the landscape model class students were furnished the landscape drawing and required to answer 10 objective questions about the drawing.

TOBACCO

Doctor Gary Wallace of the R. J. Reynolds Industries, Winston-Salem, N.C., is shown congratulating the 3 FFA members who received the tobacco production award for 1983. R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. sponsored the award. Winners are shown with their advisors, (left to right): First Place, John Hughes from Loris, Ben Hardee, advisor; Second Place, Tom Larimore, Brittons Neck FFA chapter, Jerry Pace, advisor; Timmy Collins from Mullins, James L. Faile, advisor.

The first place winner and his advisor received $400 each to be used for expenses to the National FFA Convention. The second place winner received $200 and third place received $100. All winners received plaques in addition to the cash awards.

The purpose of this award is to recognize FFA members for successful experiences in proficient production and management in tobacco enterprises.

CHAPTER SAFETY

Representatives of the fifteen 1983 State Superior Chapters were on hand to receive the 1983 Superior Chapter awards. Chapters earning the awards are listed below followed by the name of the agriculture teachers: Calhoun Falls (Tommy Harmon), Berea (Thomas R. Cooke), Dorman (Charles G. Moore), Andrews (Gilmore McManus), Aynor-Conway (Gary Dougherty and Marion Weatherford), Brittons Neck (Jerry Pace), Conway (James B. Anderson), Green Sea-Floyds (Chris Edge), Lake City (J. D. Daniel), Mayo (Willie L. Peardon), Mullins (James L. Bell), Pleasant Hill (Carlin Munnerlyn), Edisto (George Ulmer), Elloree (Lee Stoudemire), Wade Hampton (Curtis White).

NEW LEADERS ELECTED

Elected to lead the S.C. Association of Future Farmers in its fifty-sixth year are left to right: Byron Hill, President, Abbeville; Brana Williams, Secretary, Pleasant Hill; Christie Rogers, Vice-President, Pendleton; Tim Shealy, Vice-President, Saluda; Danny Brakefield, Vice-President, York; and Dennis Osborne, Vice-President, Edisto.

FLORICULTURE

The Pendleton High School FFA members #2 chapter team won top place in the State Floriculture competition at Clemson University with the State FFA Convention. As first place, the Pendleton team will receive an expense paid trip to the National FFA Convention in November and the right to represent South Carolina in National competition. Members of the first place Pendleton team were: Royce Caines, advisor; Tony White; Kelly Rogers; and Leesa Bolman. Second place went to Grand-Strand Career Center with Denise Ginter, Brian Terounzo, Suzi Cummings, and chapter advisor, Sharon Thompson. Third place in the competition went to Aiken with team members Sandra Wade, Vivian Williams and Kim Tony. The advisor was Joe Wilson.

The purpose of the competition is to give students the opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skills learned in vocational agriculture classes. This competition included an overall written phase, identification of plant material, and floral arrangements. Floriculture includes both retailing and production of flowers of plants.

Floriculture - 3rd Place State: Aiken (left to right): Sandra Wade, Vivian Williams, Kim Tony, and Joe Wilson, advisor.

Floriculture - 2nd Place State: Grand-Strand Career Center (left to right): Denise Ginter, Brian Terounzo, Sharon Thompson, advisor, and Suzi Cummings.

SCHOLARSHIP

The winner of the Lex McDowell Scholarship was awarded by the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity at Clemson University. This is a $250 scholarship to be awarded to a freshman enrolled in any agriculture field. The scholarship will be awarded after the recipient completes one semester at Clemson with at least a 2.5 GPR.

The 1983 winner was Debrah Ann Cribbs from Pleasant Hill chapter, Carlin Munnerlyn, advisor. It was presented by Derrell Rickets, Noble Ruler of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

CREED SPEAKING

The 1983 competition in the FFA Creed Speaking was won by Wanda Pack of Dorman. Wanda received a $250 scholarship to attend the FFA Washington Leadership Conference. This award is new in 1983. The second place winner was Mellissa Tyler from Loris. The third place winner was Mitchell Richardson from Brittons Neck.

SCAVATA AWARDS BANQUET

RETIREES

Twelve outstanding vocational agriculture teachers retired at the end of the 1982-83 school year. They are H. S. Clinkscales, Crescent; B. B. Moore, Gaffney; E. M. Jamison, Hillcrest; W. F. Crowther, Pickens; Henry L. Crouch, Saluda; R. R. Foster, Fairfield Voc. Ctr.; Maxie L. Rush, Hartsville Career Ctr.; S. W. Stoudenmire, Latta; D. H. Adams, Wilson; Arthur Lawrence, Hemingway; W. A. Gamble, Lugoff-Elgin; and Ernest L. Mallard, St. Stephen.

The S.C. Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association recognized the twelve members retiring at the annual teachers conference held in Columbia. A silver engraved tray was presented to each retiree in appreciation for his long, outstanding, and devoted service to the vocational agricultural education program in South Carolina. These awards were presented by Henry Simmans, Farm Credit Bank Services of Columbia, the sponsor of the awards.

10 YEAR KEY

Frank Sandifer, Floyd D. Johnson Vocational Center, York.

TWENTY YEAR KEY

B. F. Wyatt, Anderson; T. R. Cooke, Travelers Rest; T. M. Kellahan, Jr., Kingstree; R. E. Cribb, Florence; J. Earl Frick, Jr., Florence.

THIRTY YEAR PLAQUES

Drefus Williams, Sumter; Samuel Cooper, Cross; Dr. R. J. Mercer, Clemson University; Dr. John H. Rodgers, Clemson University.

NEW LEADERS ELECTED

President: Jake N. Bookard, Bamberg-Ehrhardt; President-Elect: Royce Caines, Pendleton; District I V.P.: Bruce Wyatt, Anderson; District II V.P.: Steve Wilson, McCrorey-Liston; District III V.P.: Benjamin Hardee, Loris; District IV V.P.: Thomas Dawkins, Estill; and Executive Secretary: F. M. Bridwell, Greenville.

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